

# ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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## ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 2 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

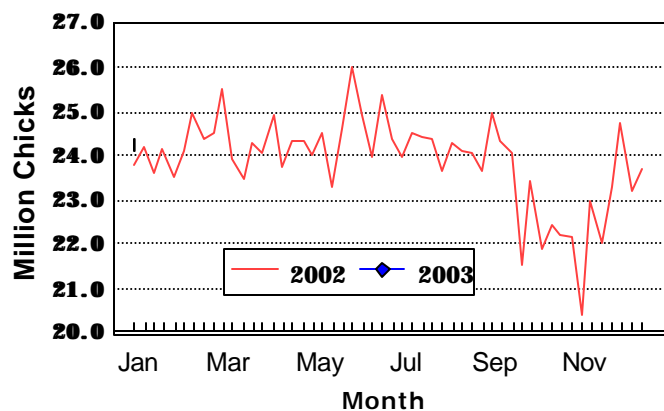
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.2 million during the week ending January 4, 2003. Placements were up 2 percent from both the comparable week in 2002, and the previous week, and included 2.9 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 24.8 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up 3 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.1 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 80.9 percent.

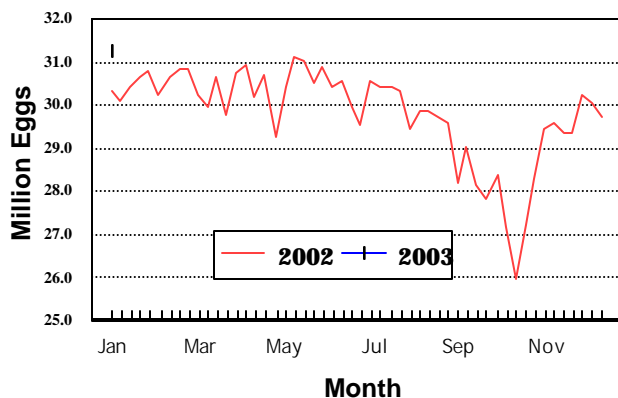
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending January 4, 2003, up 6 percent from the same period last year, and up 5 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2001-2002	2002-2003	% Change	2001-	2002-2003	% Change	2001-2002	2002-2003	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Nov. 30	23,459	21,996	94	25,047	23,319	93	31,179	29,362	94
Dec. 7	24,937	23,291	93	25,189	24,209	96	30,081	29,336	98
Dec. 14	24,756	24,762	100	25,240	24,415	97	30,701	30,240	99
Dec. 21	26,129	23,254	89	25,714	24,244	94	30,830	30,054	97
Dec. 28	23,849	23,721	99	24,677	24,193	98	30,596	29,685	97
Jan. 4	23,827	24,244	102	25,194	24,836	99	29,608	31,253	106

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2002-2003



EGGS SET, 2002 - 2003



# **BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002**

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/
	14-Dec	21-Dec	28-Dec	04-Jan	%	30-Nov	07-Dec	14-Dec	21-Dec	28-Dec	04-Jan	%
Alabama	28,075 *	27,883	27,892	28,561	98	20,386	20,953	21,362	21,620	21,683	21,079	95
ARKANSAS	30,240	30,054	29,685	31,253	103	21,996	23,291	24,762	23,254	23,721	24,244	102
Delaware	3,389	3,399	3,450 *	3,602	104	4,810	5,392	5,115	5,313	4,454 *	4,908	98
Florida	1,592	1,572	1,564	1,562	64	2,467	2,091	1,696	1,754	1,607	1,557	68
Georgia	30,546 *	29,982	30,767 *	30,896	99	24,294	25,182	24,818 *	24,836 *	24,543 *	24,579	93
Kentucky	6,550 *	6,360 *	6,096 *	6,172	92	5,020	5,443	5,390	5,186 *	5,314 *	5,466	98
Maryland	9,925	9,834	9,768 *	9,670	101	6,131	5,221	5,475	5,805	6,383 *	6,078	110
Mississippi	18,857 *	18,627	18,897	18,823	100	15,265	15,125	15,285	15,907	15,161	15,540	97
N. Carolina	18,488 *	18,219	17,743	18,590	98	14,122	13,614	14,344	14,273	13,978	14,491	99
Oklahoma	6,243	6,363	6,027	6,364	100	5,144	4,525	3,957	4,647	4,388	4,491	113
Pennsylvania	3,733	3,666 *	3,592 *	3,528	95	2,588	2,388	2,625	2,548 *	2,482 *	2,581	95
S. Carolina	4,676	4,868	4,863	4,729	100	3,870	3,440	3,225	3,831	3,939	4,105	111
Texas	15,134 *	14,759 *	14,890 *	14,559	95	12,241	11,710 *	12,083 *	11,821 *	11,729 *	11,914	100
Virginia	6,230	6,226	6,294 *	6,355	96	5,288	4,861	5,221	5,901 *	5,444 *	5,337	91
CALA,MO,IN,WV	20,058	19,039	19,296 *	19,725	101	18,253	18,823	17,570	18,045	17,691 *	18,251	94
Total 2002	203,736 *	200,851 *	200,824 *	204,389		161,875	162,059 *	162,928 *	164,741 *	162,517 *	164,621	
Total 2001	207,067	208,836	207,192	206,952		165,267	167,382	166,079	170,266	166,034	169,020	
% Prev. Year	98	96	97	99		98	97	98	97	98	97	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003.....						18-Jan	25-Jan	01-Feb	08-Feb	15-Feb	22-Feb	

\* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

## **EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 204 million eggs during the week ending January 4, 2003. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## **BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 3 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 4, 2003. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2002.